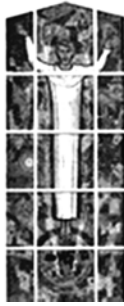


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“THE LION” OF ST. MARK’S JULY 2022

Pastor's “Lion” Message for July, 2022

“The seventy returned with joy saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons are subject to us!' Jesus said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'” *Luke 10:17-20.*

Close to Memorial Day, 2020, I watched a documentary on Arlington National Cemetery- how, when and why it was created; who can be buried there, etc. A large part of the program was dedicated to the fallen and to those who placed roses of remembrance on their graves. The documentary reminded me of why at times Memorial Day in the USA is often referred to as “Decoration Day”. This nation, as do most nations, take time to say, “Thank You” to the many who gave their lives for causes of freedom and peace.

As the above verse reminds us, however, while such tributes are fitting for a nation and its citizens, every earthly “kingdom” pales in comparison to the kingdom of God. The psalmist declares to the Lord, “(Your faithful) shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power...Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom” (Psalm 145:11,13). Jesus echoes this sentiment in the verse from Luke 10 when the 70 return from their missions, joyful to have shared its life-giving power.

On July 4 we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as US citizens, as well as our communities, churches, schools and businesses doing life-giving and saving work for the benefit of us all. As we do so, may we always keep before us the truth that the Kingdom of God, present wherever and whenever Jesus is glorified, supersedes all, and that earthly entities are only great when they use their freedom to serve others with and by God's love.
Grace + Peace,

Pastor Brian Vasey



PASTOR VASEY WILL BE ON VACATION JULY 14-23, 2022. SHOULD YOU BE IN NEED OF A PASTOR DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (570-323-4619, MONDAY-THURSDAY, 9 AM-1 PM).

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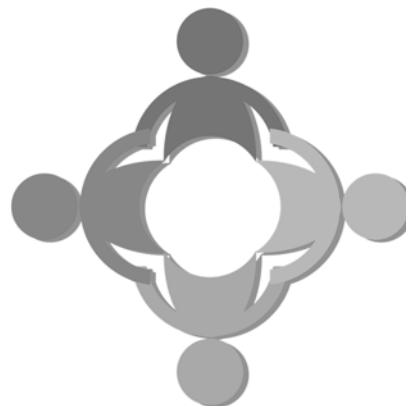
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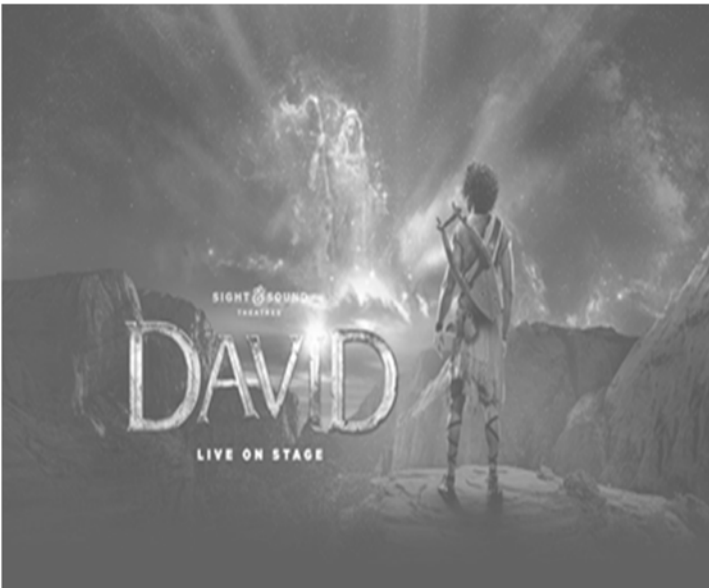


NEWS FROM SYNOD ASSEMBLY

THE REVEREND CRAIG MILLER WAS ELECTED BISHOP OF THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD, SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022. Pastor Miller was elected to the episcopacy on the fifth ballot of Synod Assembly with a total of 103 votes. Pastor Miller will assume his duties as bishop on September 27, 2022. St. Mark's congratulates our new bishop, thanks its representatives to Synod Assembly (Ralph Zeigler and Mel Wentzel) and asks all of us to keep Bp. Elect Miller and the Upper Susquehanna Synod in prayer.

SYNOD OFFICE TO MOVE. The Office of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be moving to space provided by St. John Lutheran Church in Northumberland in the near future. A commitment on the part of the bishop's office to be better stewards of that entrusted to the synod led to this move. Details will be forthcoming.

“FARE THEE WELL BISHOP COLLINS”. On Saturday, August 27, beginning at noon, all are invited to a “Pizza and Birch Beer Party” at Camp Mount Luther in celebration of the ministry of the Reverend Barbara J. Collins as Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Please RSVP your attendance by August 20, 2022 by contacting the Synod Office (570-524-9778 or brenda@uss-elca.org).



Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers.

A bus trip to see the show **David** at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for Wednesday, September 14, the 11:00 AM show. While the bus will be pulling out around 6:00 AM, the early start will certainly be well worth it! Bus fare, show ticket, and dinner are all included in the price (roughly \$130-\$150 depending on number attending). If interested, please contact Cheryl Williams at (570) 327-1627.



Nibbles From The Churchmouse

“What is so rare as a day in June? Then if ever come perfect days” Certainly true this year we have been blessed with truly marvelous weather perfect for the many outdoor graduations at our local high schools. St. Mark's has several members finishing this milestone and going on to greater things. Graduating from the Williamsport Area High School were Amalie Robertson and Elizabeth Hausmann. Loyalsock High School had its share as well – Cooper Larson and Ashton Ott were part of the senior class.

St. Mark's folks will want to know what is the next step for these young folks so please send me their plans for the next phase of their lives.

Was pleased to get an update from Phil Thomas, proud grandfather of Anna Rose Tartline (daughter of the former Becky Thomas and Pete Tartline). She recently graduated summa cum laude from the University of Richmond and was named a Fulbright Scholar. Anna majored in sociology and minored in Spanish. Through the Fulbright program she will spend a year in Mexico teaching English as a second language in rural areas. Congratulations, that is quite an achievement

Phil and Barb's other granddaughter Makena Thomas, daughter of Phil (Flip) and Jennifer Thomas of Prospect, Pa., graduated from Seneca Valley High School. She will join her brother, Gavin, a rising senior, at Slippery Rock University in the fall.

Their mother, Jen, recently received her Master's Degree in Clinical Nurse Leadership from LaRoche University in Pittsburgh. Both Becky and Flip were raised in St. Mark's. No wonder they are such high achievers! I know Phil and Barb are very proud!

Need to add that Becky and Pete are residents of Mechanicsburg.

Lots of good news to share, don't forget to send updates!

Blessings, Joyce



Meeting Minutes

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting

Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

“To know Christ and make Christ known”

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held on June 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM - Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Roll call was taken. **Present:** Kathy Dancho, Ed Gair, Vicki Haussmann, Ray Huff, Pam Jensen, Herb Poff, Linda Rosini, Mel Wentzel, Glenn Yapple, Ralph Zeigler, Pastor Vasey. **Absent:** Bob Campbell, Wanda Fortin

President’s remarks - Ralph attended the Annual Circle of Faith dinner at Camp Mount Luther. Information was gleaned on the many activities offered by the the camp. Meeting of the summer staff was enjoyable as they begin to embark on the summer camp season. - Ralph, Mel, Ray, and Pastor attended the Synod Assembly held June 17-18 at Susquehanna University. - Continued appreciation for all the work that is done within our congregation.

The Secretary’s Report for the month of May was accepted as presented.

The Treasurer’s Report as of May 31, 2022 was accepted as presented and filed for audit. - Pam Jensen clarified the expenses found under Property line item 143 (repairs/maintenance). This number includes receipts for both cleaning *and* repairs. Finance committee would like to create a separate line item for each of these items to account for more clarity as to monies spent. - Any suggestions for clarifying committee budget numbers/line items are welcome. - Discussion on who is/are the authorized persons on the Staples (office supplies) account. **M(Pam Jensen - 2nd Mel Wentzel) SC: CC: 22.6.1** Motion approved to name Joe Baur and Jackie Baysore as authorized users on the Staples account used by St. Mark’s.

Pastor’s report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey. - Wendorf Wedding to be held in May 2023 has been cancelled by the bride. - Synod Assembly News: Pastor Miller was elected the new Bishop; the Synod Office is relocating to St. John’s, Northumberland. - Pastor is away on vacation July 12-23 with a vacation Sunday, July 17. This coincides with the July council meeting.

M(Pam Jensen - 2nd Ed Gair) SC: CC: 22.6.2 Motion approved to cancel the July council meeting.

Committee Reports:

Constitution Revision:

M(Constitution Committee) SC: CC: 22.6.3 Motion carried to approve changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church as presented at last month’s council meeting. - Ralph Zeigler will provide notice to the congregation regarding the timeline for congregational approval to the revised Constitution and By-Laws.

Council Meeting Notes Continued on next page

Evangelism & Fellowship: - Thanks for June cookie donations for Redeemer's Community dinner. - Blood Drive scheduled for July 8, 2022 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. - Ovens in kitchen were repaired and are ready for use. Outdoor grill is in working order. - Monthly outreach activities and collections continue. - July 27 hosting missionary who will share about time spent in Liberia. This will be open to other congregations as well. ** Help needed for July 4th lawn party celebration ~ supplies, monetary donations, and volunteers all needed.** - Parish life continues to make sandwiches twice a month for the Blessing Box at New Covenant. - Thank you to Joe Baur for creating posters for July 4th celebration. July 4th and VBS will be advertised on the Lamar billboard outside of our building. - Next meeting Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome. *Suggestion to ask Joe to print off this report ahead of time for council to read.

Faith Formation: - Confirmation of three young men took place June 5. - Recognition of High School Graduates took place June 12. - Vacation Bible School to be held July 10-14 from 6-8 PM at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Faith Formation committee approved using funds from our VBS budget as St. Mark's contribution to this multi-church effort. - A "Church in the Courtyard" service is being planned for July 24. A church "picnic" will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Finance:

M(Finance Committee) SC: CC: 22.6.4 Motion submitted to authorize staff to record hours worked via the time clock (when it is functional) or via a paper time sheet.

Motion Amended (Pam Jensen - 2nd Ed. Gair) Motion approved for staff to record hours worked using a paper time sheet. Hours will continue to be approved by Pastor Vasey.

Nominating: - Please suggest names for possible council representatives for the "Class of 2025". 5 representatives will be needed.

Personnel: - Discussion continues on options for a part-time sexton.

Property: - Discussion regarding hiring out-yard work around perimeter of the building ~ weeding, mulching as needed. **This does not include the courtyard which will continue to be taken care of by volunteers.

*Ask Joe to call Tebbs and VanDeLinde for estimates on this work.

-Handheld microphones are still on backorder. Hopefully the sound system work will be completed toward the end of July.

-By council consensus, property committee has authorization to dispose of unused sound system equipment as seen fit.

Publicity: - Summer email blast was sent out.

-Email blast regarding Church in the Courtyard, Church Picnic, and Congregational vote to approve constitution will be sent.

- Next meeting will be in August.

Safety: - Minutes from the 5/24/22 Safety Team Meeting were distributed to council members.

-Discussion/review of AED.

- Location of fire extinguishers will be discussed at the next meeting.

Women of the ELCA: - This group of women would like to continue their quilting ministry. Looking at ways that might make this a feasible option.

Worship and Music:

-Summer soloists are needed.

-Discussion on using a smaller cross for our Good Friday service as well as throughout the Easter season.

-Look at how flower orders are placed and dedications named for future festivals and holidays.

-Ray Huff has been conducting a short, monthly service at the Williamsport Home's dementia unit.

Unfinished Business:

Spire Update: - Nothing to report at this time. Herb Poff will continue to look into the options for a possible spire repair.

Growing the Church Committee:

-Need to focus on building this committee with congregational members who may be interested in this ministry.

-Suggestion made to call or reach out to our visitors after they attend a service.

-Building relationships with each other ~ both inside our congregation and outside of St. Mark's ~ is an important building block.

New Business:

M(Ross Hemmendinger, Williamsport Civic Choir - 2nd Mel Wentzel)

SC: CC: 22.6.5 Motion approved to allow the Williamsport Civic Choir use of our facility for the 2022-2023 season including Monday evening rehearsals and a November concert. Specific dates are outlined on an email received from Ross Hemmendinger.

M(Herb Poff/Wendy Hooper - 2nd Ray Huff) SC:CC:22.6.6 Motion approved for use of the Nave and Fellowship Hall on September 10, 2022 from 10:00-1:30 for a Celebration of Life Ceremony for Marion Waldeisen. Wendy Hooper (daughter) is the contact for this event.

-Thoughts shared from Pastor, Mel, Ralph, and Ray on their time at Synod Assembly. The theme this year was "Abundance Together".

-Remaining Covid restrictions will continue for the time being. These will be revisited in the Fall.

-Little Lambs is currently looking for a new director.

Announcements: - Celebration of Bishop Collins & Pizza Party at Camp Mt. Luther, Saturday, August 27 beginning at noon. All are welcome. Please register online if planning to attend.

Next meeting: Monday, August 15, 2022 @ 6:00 PM (Crossways Room)

Please join us on Sunday, July 24

for our

First Annual Church in the Courtyard Event/ Church Picnic!

That's right - 2 wonderful
events wrapped up in one!



What: Church in the Courtyard
Church Picnic

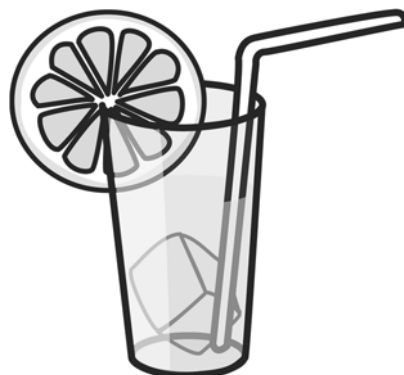
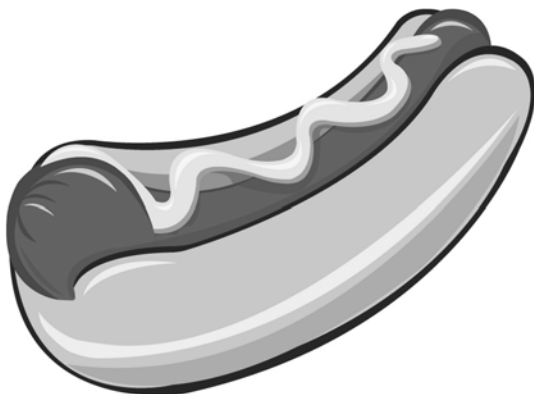
When: July 24 beginning at
9:30 a.m.

Where: The beautiful courtyard of
St. Mark's

Please join us on Sunday, July 24 as we worship outdoors in the beautiful St. Mark's Courtyard. Bring a lawn chair, wear comfy clothes and enjoy worshipping outdoors. No need to worry about rain. We will move to the Nave if the forecast doesn't quite cooperate.

Following our worship service, please join us in Fellowship Hall for a church picnic. Hotdogs and beverages will be provided. ***Please bring a dish to share.*** Any questions, please contact Vicki Haussmann.

We look forward to seeing you!





A Prayer for Our Nation

O God, keep our whole country under your protection. Wipe out sin from the land; lift it up from the death of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with your wisdom, so that the poor may not be oppressed and the rich may not be oppressors. Make this a nation having no ruler except God, a nation having no authority but that of Love. Amen.

Toyohiko Kagawa

Toyohiko Kagawa was a Japanese Christian pacifist, Christian reformer, and labor activist. A Presbyterian Missionary, Kagawa wrote, spoke, and worked at length on ways to employ Christian principles in the ordering of society and in cooperatives. His vocation to help the poor led him to live among them. Kagawa died in 1955 of a heart ailment.



Growing the Church

Among the many challenges facing today's churches is that of membership growth. At St. Mark's, we are aware of the declining attendance at Sunday worship as well as the smaller number of younger families who are part of our congregation.

Church Council is wanting to address this trend to see how we might be able to grow our church. As we have been blessed, we can be a blessing to others-sharing the Good News and all that our congregation enjoys. We do this because God has called us to do so.

How might this be done? Church Council is forming a Membership Growth Committee, and we ask you to help St. Mark's to live its mission-"to know Christ and to make Christ known". Together, we can identify ways to invite others to worship with us, to share our faith, and to become involved in the life and work of this congregation.

Will you help? There will be lots of conversations, a few meetings, and many prayers as together we consider the future of our church. The gifts that we have been given must be shared with others. Please let your interest and ideas be known to any of our Council members. May God continue to bless the members of St. Mark's as together we do the work that He would have us do.



Reminder only one Service June, July, August and First Sunday in September. Those services will be at 9:30 a.m.

Communion Assistants



- July 3 Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
- July 10 Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
- July 17 Gregg and Kathy Dancho
- July 24 Walt Doebler and Gary Weber
- July 31 Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler

- August 7 Gregg Dancho and Dan Zeigler
- August 14 Matt and Wanda Fortin
- August 21 Carl and Audrey Albright
- August 28 Carl and Audrey Albright

- September 4 Gregg and Kathy Dancho

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.



Worship Assistants

Summer Lectors



9:30AM

- July 3 Deb Buckman
- July 10 Ruth Rees
- July 17 Donna Boston
- July 24 Vicki Haussmann
- July 31 Gregg Dancho

- August 7 Phil Thomas
- August 14 Gary Weber
- August 21 Linda Rosini
- August 28 Dan Zeigler

September 4 Mel Wentzel

If you have a conflict with your schedule Sunday, the following members are willing to read and may be able to fill in.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

- Karen Mariano Drew Haussmann
- Ray Huff
- Kathy Dancho Candy Dewar

9:30 a.m. services through the summer

Called to *Serve*

Usher Schedule



- July 3 Captain: Mike Jensen
Gary Weber, Sean Jensen,
Shelby Weber
- July 10 Captain: Matt Fortin
Glenn Yapple, Bud Doebler
- July 17 Captain: Carl Albright
Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair
- July 24 Captain: Tim Maggs
Carl Hieber, Charlie Fortin
- July 31 Captain: Mike Jensen
Gary Weber, Sean Jensen,
Shelby Weber
- August 7 Captain: Matt Fortin
Glenn Yapple, Bud Doebler
- August 14 Captain: Carl Albright
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Altar Guild

JULY

Bev Hieber and Audrey Albright

AUGUST

Deb Buckman and Leah Hausmann

SEPTEMBER

Wanda Fortin and Mindy Wentzel



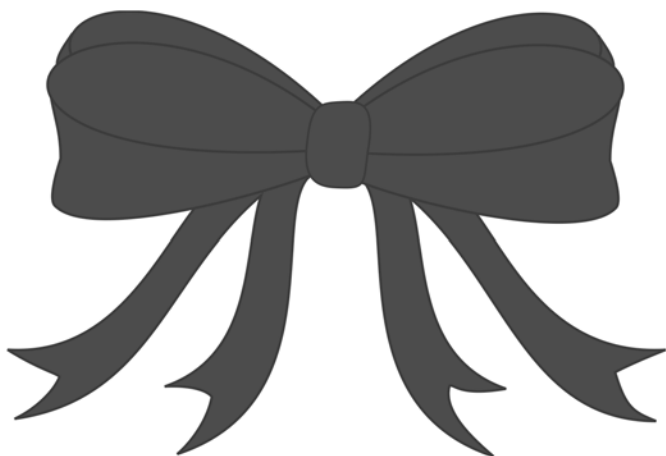
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because you think offering
plates are Frisbees®."

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Operation Christmas Child

It's "Christmas in July" for our Operation Christmas Child Ministry! On our Christmas Wish List this year is ... monetary donations (we are more like teenagers than toddlers I guess!). Monetary donations will be put toward one of two things. Shipping costs to defray the expense of shipping our 60 shoeboxes **or** Grow With Me Shoes. Grow With Me Shoes expand up to 5 sizes and "grow" with the child who receives them. Shoes are often the last item needed for a child's school uniform. By including these in our shoeboxes, we can help send children to school. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate earmarked for Operation Christmas Child. School supplies will also be making their entrance onto the scene within the next couple of weeks so crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, and pens are also wonderful donations. These items (or any others you find) may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the Narthex. We thank you for your continued generosity! "Merry Christmas in July!"



The next hosting of Family Promise is Sunday, July 10 through Saturday, July 16. At this point St. Mark's is only responsible for providing food for breakfast, lunch and dinners. The evening cooks need to provide meals for four families at this point, 6 adults and 7 children. This of course may change as families leave and enter the program. If you would like to help provide an evening meal, please contact me, Deb Buckman at 570-323-1707 or dabuckman@gmail.com. Donations of cash would help offset the cost of providing the food for breakfast and lunches. This cost goes up over the summer since the children are not in school. Make checks payable to St. Mark's with Family Promise food in the memo line. Thanks to all who help with helping strangers who for one reason or the other find themselves homeless.



www.familypromise.org



Evangelism and Fellowship Committee Notes



Our July Fourth Lawn Party is Happening Soon!!!

In only a few days we will be celebrating the birth of our nation. Please consider joining us as we honor God and our country on this special day. Bring a chair and enjoy the evening on our front lawn. Refreshments will be served from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

This event relies on donations to host the hundreds of people from the community who attend. If you have not already done so, please consider donating any of the following items or making a monetary donation.

- Bags of individually wrapped candy (Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Star Bursts, Suckers.)
 - Fruit Snacks
 - Bags of assorted chips and pretzels
 - Bottled water in 8 oz. containers
- Money to purchase hot dogs, buns, individual packets of ketchup, mustard and relish and popcorn packets.

Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line designating July Fourth. Thank you for any help you can give. Speak to a member of the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee for additional information.



Community Blood Drive

Be the Lifeline Patients Need Give Blood

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee in collaboration with the Northcentral PA Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a **Community Blood Drive on Friday, July 8, 2022 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**. Please consider being a donor or asking friends to donate as the Red Cross is experiencing a blood crisis across the United States including in the Greater Williamsport Area. Pre-scheduled appointments are strongly recommended. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: St. Marks to schedule an appointment.



Koffee Klatch with Pastor Linda Johnson Seyenkulo

On Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall, the Evangelism and Fellowship and Parish Life Committees will host our ELCA missionary from Liberia, Pastor Linda Johnson Seyenkulo. Her last visit with us was in July 2019. Pastor Ann Zimmerman, chair of the Global Missions Committee, writes, "She will offer a presentation on the ministries she offers in Liberia and how the people are doing since Ebola and now the pandemic of COVID-19. There will be a time for questions and answers. Come and join us to hear more about what God is doing in Liberia and through the Lutheran Church of Liberia." Light refreshments will be served. We hope to see you and your friends on July 27, 2022.



Sharing in the Caring

There is no vacation from hunger. Summertime generally sees an increase of parents with children visiting the charities we support. Please consider looking in your cupboards or purchasing an item to be donated.

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's

STOP HUNGER NOW United Churches Food Pantry: Items in need are cereal of all kinds, canned goods (meats, vegetables, fruit), cake and brownie mixes and condiments.

Shepherd of the Streets: Items most needed are toilet tissue, paper towels, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, body wash and shave cream for men and women, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes for adults and children, dish soap and small packages of laundry pods. Laundry pods are now available at the Dollar Tree.

Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC: Individual healthy snacks and crackers, Cup of Soups, microwave meals, ramen noodles, juice boxes, travel-size hygiene items, combs, toothbrushes and socks (new or gently used) are needed.

Sojourner Truth Ministries: Needed are plastic forks, lemonade mix, coffee, paper towels and Lysol spray.

Donations to the Food Pantry, Shepherd of the Streets, the Blessing Box or to Sojourner Truth Ministries may be placed on the tables in the Narthex.

Soda Tabs: Collected to support the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. Containers are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Pennies for Youth Activities: A container is available in the Narthex for your donations.

Bazaar Room: Decluttering your attic or garage? Closets are bursting at the seams. The Women of St. Mark's need your "no longer needed" donations for the annual Fall Sale. Donations have increased slightly in the past month, but many more will be needed to have a successful sale this fall. Please pack your items in small boxes and place them in the Bazaar Room away from the door. If you cannot get to the Bazaar Room, items may be left on the lower landing of the back stairwell as you enter from the parking lot.

Ongoing Activities at Redeemer Lutheran

Free Community Dinner: Thursday, July 14, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM until all meals are distributed. All are welcome. St. Mark's is providing Rice Krispie Treats for this month's dessert.

A special thank you is given to Pastor Vasey, Linda Rosini, Wanda Fortin, Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler, Bob Campbell, Mel Wentzel, Candy Dewar, Ruth Rees, Karen Mariano, Deb Buckman and Becky Pryor for donating a delicious assortment of cookies for Redeemer's June dinner.

Daniel's Closet: Donations of summer clothing, bedding and shoes may be dropped off Thursday, July 14, 2022 from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM. Distribution will be Saturday, July 23, 2022 beginning at 8:30 AM. CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are still required.

If you have a large quantity of clothing, please call Barb Horn at 570-974-3744 to arrange a time to take your clothing directly to Redeemer Lutheran. Smaller quantities of clothing may be placed on the stage and the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will take the clothing to Redeemer on drop off-day.



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is asking its congregations to update their Constitutions and By-Laws to conform with language changes consistent with their model. Since as a church we last updated our Constitution in 2018, many of the changes suggested were very minor.

A Constitutional Revision Committee, consisting of Gary Weber as chair, Candy Dewar, Pam Jensen, and Ralph Zeigler, has been meeting for more than a year to make those changes and to provide a few needed updates.

At their June meeting, Church Council voted to adopt the updated Constitution and By-Laws, and to recommend them to St. Mark's members for their approval at a **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** scheduled for **Sunday, July 24** immediately after our 9:30 a.m. summer service of worship celebration in the courtyard and followed by a church picnic in Fellowship Hall. More information on that will be forthcoming.

Copies of the proposed documents are available in the narthex or from the church office, or online at www.stmarkswilliamsport.org/articles/2022/constitution.asp. An executive summary highlighting those changes also is available. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, we ask that you please contact any member of the Constitutional Revision Committee prior to the meeting. Thank you!



Food for All /Parish Life

The Evangelism and Fellowship and Parish Life Committees thank the congregation for their monetary donations to this fund. Your continued monetary support is greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a monetary donation to assist with our food outreach, checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating "Parish Life."

We could not continue this level of outreach without your participation. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Currently we are also seeking donations of

Foil packets of StarKist Tuna Creations / Deli Style Tuna Salad and StarKist Chicken Creations / Chicken Salad. Both varieties are ready-to-eat, shelf stable products that allow us to provide the Blessing Box with an alternative to PBJ sandwiches during the summer months.

Boxes of brownie mix for use with Redeemer's Community Dinner in August. We prefer Betty Crocker, but any are welcomed.

Donations may be placed on the tables in the Narthex.



Random Bricks from the
Desk of the
Administrative Assistant

By
Joseph Baur

Welcome to July.

As we work our way through the summer months we must remember to stay hydrated. There is no rule on how much you should drink-just remember if you are thirsty you are already dehydrated. Dehydration triggers the body's thirst response. So when you feel thirsty, dehydration is already setting in. In many experiments, just 1 to 2 percent dehydration has been shown to trigger thirst. This level of dehydration can happen quickly, especially following intense exercise or when battling viruses.

Also during summer watch out for those on motorcycles. If you are riding, remember to watch the speed limits. Speed increases the chance of loss of control, as well as providing energy for injury. Ride at the suggested speeds. The roads are designed to have a minimum mishap rate for these suggested speeds.

Again I want to thank everyone for their help in getting me started with this position. I can honestly say I am having a great time. There are so many amazing people here that it really is feeling like family,

As you might have noticed I am trying something new. QR codes so you can download information and save it to your phone. Let me know how you like it or even if you don't.

Any suggestions for the newsletter are always welcomed and those who contribute and help put it together are the best.

Another Pittsburgh Fun Fact

Pittsburgh's Beechview neighborhood is home to the steepest street in the United States (and possibly the world): Canton Avenue. It is as steep as 37 degrees. If you ever travel with me to Pittsburgh, be warned, I will take you down the street without warning. I have had a few people scream as I surprised them.



IMPORTANT

Pastor Vasey will be on Vacation from July 14-23. The Rev. Ron Montgomery will be on call during his absence.

The Rev. Ron Montgomery contact numbers are:

570-584-3490

570-584-4465

On Sunday, July 17, Ray Huff, Synod Authorized Lay Worship Leader will preach and preside at St. Mark's.



Parish Life Updates

This committee recently baked batches of brownies to test the repairs completed on our church ovens. We are happy to report the ovens worked perfectly. The brownies were enjoyed by several folks.

Parish Life is in need of additional committee members. If this is an area in which you would like to serve, please speak with Janet Jones or Becky Miller Pryor. Thanks to Mel Wentzel for already volunteering to assist with dish washing when needed.



**Celebrating
Anniversaries
this month**

Cynthia and Ray Huff	July 3
Margie and Walter Doebler	July 5
Elizabeth and Daryl Lewis	July 5
Kristin and Robert Lynn	July 6
Richard and Josie Miller	July 6
Maria and Sean Elkin	July 24
Susan and Robert Curry	July 29

Birthday Paradox

If there are 23 people in a room there is a 50-50 chance that two of them will share a birthday. This is known as the birthday paradox, because it appears there are only 22 possible pairs and therefore a low chance of a match. In fact, because every guest could match with every other guest, there are 253 possible combinations (1+2+3+4... up to 22) and the probability of finding a successful one is 50.048 per cent.

A recent survey suggests that more people are born on October 5 in the United States than any other day. October 5 holds a not-so-surprising significance, as conception would have fallen on New Year's Eve.

Celebrating Birthdays this month

Gabriella Gregory	July 1	Vicki Haussmann	July 15
Kristine Wacker	July 2	Ashley Butters	July 16
Maxwell Hospes	July 3	Stephanie Confer	July 16
Theodore Larson III	July 3	Michael Hieber	July 16
Phillip Thomas	July 4	Brenda Bower	July 16
Kimberly Fillnow	July 5	Patricia Alexander	July 20
Dierah Williams	July 5	Pamela Jensen	July 21
Corey Hospes	July 6	Constance Shaible	July 22
Andrea Hinds	July 7	Evan Barone	July 23
Gabriel Nichols	July 7	David Weaver	July 23
Robert Lynn, Jr.	July 8	Bryce Young	July 23
Dylan Ott	July 9	Edward Gair	July 24
Nicholas Buckman	July 10	Shirley Hill	July 25
Edgar Miller III	July 10	Gail Greninger	July 26
Annika Waffenschmidt	July 12	Ann Kuntz	July 27
Levi Gair	July 13	John Bower	July 28
Declan Jones	July 14	Matthew Fortin	July 29
Nancy Larson	July 14	Stephen Dewar	July 31



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Service 9:30 a.m.	4 July 4th Lawn Party 6:00 p.m. Office Closed	5	6	7	8 Blood Drive 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	9
10 Service 9:30 a.m.	11	12	13	14 Pastor vaca- tion through July 23 ***	15 ***	16 ***
17 Service 9:30 a.m. ***	18 ***	19 ***	20 ***	21 ***	22 ***	23 ***
24 Service 9:30 a.m. Church in the Courtyard	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Service 9:30 a.m.						

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